

**REMARKS:**

Please renumber the remaining claims as 1-8 and 9.

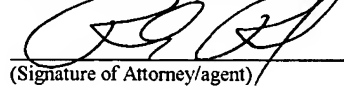
Base claims 16, 22, and 29 recite as an element thereof a stabilizer plate. The recitation has been further amended from the parent application to state that, "no portion of said stabilizing plate is adapted to contact a surface upon which said tripod is placed".

This is done to differentiate apart from prior art patent 3,736,058 that issued May 29, 1973 to Iadarola, which was cited and which must rest on the ground. See Iadarola column 6, lines 42-46 "The tripod stabilizing base 116 is firmly positioned on the ground so that...". Clearly 116 is a base, not a stabilizing plate. Accordingly, the instant recitation is believed to well differentiate over Iadarola and consideration is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner wishes a list of all prior art references as were cited during the course of publication, the applicant will gladly provide same. It is suggested that the Examiner consult the file wrapper appertaining to the parent application for a complete history of prosecution and a listing of all references that were cited during the course of prosecution.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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